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- (i) transceiver apparatus limited to sending and receiving messages through a communications network, said messages not including digital image data from said digital image acquisition apparatus;
- (ii) automatic signal transmission apparatus for automatically causing said transceiver to transmit a message request signal to said message center conveying an identification of said camera apparatus when said transceiver is turned on; and
- (iii) code apparatus for selectively receiving messages sent to said transceiver by a message center.

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17. (Thrice Amended) A digital camera message system comprising:

- (a) a message center including
 - (i) apparatus for collecting, preparing and sorting messages to be sent to a transceiver in an assembly including a digital camera;
 - (ii) first communication apparatus responsive to reception of a message request signal conveying a camera identification for transmitting messages to said transceiver; and
- (b) an integrated hand held assembly including
 - (i) a housing;
 - (ii) a digital image acquisition apparatus built into said housing, said digital image acquisition apparatus including image capture

12 apparatus for converting a light image to digital image data and
13 image storage apparatus for storing said digital image data;

14 (iii) transceiver apparatus limited to sending and receiving messages
15 through a communications network, said messages not including
16 digital image data from said digital image acquisition apparatus;

17 (iv) code apparatus including apparatus responsive to a code for
18 selectively processing messages sent to said camera; and

19 (v) automatic signal transmission apparatus for automatically causing
20 said transceiver apparatus to transmit a message request to said
21 message center conveying an identification of said integrated hand
22 held assembly when said transceiver apparatus is turned on.

1 18. (Twice Amended) A digital camera message system as recited in claim 17 wherein
2 said message center includes a capability to send a selected message to a specific integrated hand
3 held assembly based on said code.

1 19. (Twice Amended) A digital camera message system as recited in claim 17 wherein
2 said message center further includes a capability to send a message simultaneously to a plurality of
3 integrated hand held assemblies by transmitting a particular said code.

1 21. (Twice Amended) A digital camera message system as recited in claim 17 wherein
2 said integrated hand held assembly further includes means for disabling said automatic signal
3 transmission apparatus when a user does not want to receive messages.

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1 22. (Twice Amended) A digital camera message system as recited in claim 17 wherein
2 said integrated hand held assembly further includes message display apparatus for displaying said
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1 30. (Twice Amended) A digital camera message system as recited in claim 22 wherein
2 said integrated hand held assembly further includes interactive message response apparatus for
3 responding to a question received in a message from said message center.
